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COMMON FUND MEETING NOVEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 2

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1. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED PARA 3 REFTEL ARE AS FOLLOWS:
A. GOVERNMENT OF MAURITIUS POSITION ON THE COMMON FUND AT
THE NOVEMBER MEETING WILL BE DETERMINED BY A ROUND OF POLICY
MEETINGS IN PORT LOUIS OF A "COMMITTEE OF OFFICIALS" WHICH
WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES (USUALLY AT NO. 3 LEVEL) FROM
THE MINISTRIES OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (CHAIRMAN),
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC PLANNING, AND
FINANCE. THIS AD HOC COMMITTEE PLANS TO CONVENE IN EARLY
OCTOBER TO DISCUSS THE "FIRST BRIEF" PAPER THAT WILL HAVE
BEEN DRAFTED BY THE CHAIRMAN (PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE -- MINISTRY OF COMMERCE) BASED UPON
A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT SENT BY MAURITIAN AMBASSADOR TO
BRUSSELS AND GENEVA, RAYMOND CHASLE. CHASLE HAS PARTICIPATED
IN EARLIER UNCTAD AND GROUP OF 77 MEETINGS ON THE COMMON
FUND AND IS CONSIDERED GOM'S MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSON ON
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THE SUBJECT. HIS REPORT IS IN PREPARATION NOW AND WILL BE
COMPLETED AND DESPATCHED TO PORT LOUIS FOLLOWING THE MEETING
OF THE UNCTAD'S TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD CURRENTLY IN
PROGRESS IN GENEVA. AFTER THE "COMMITTEE OF OFFICIALS"
ARRIVES AT A CONSENSUS, THE CHAIRMAN WILL DRAFT A POLICY
PAPER SUMMING UP THE CONSENSUS AND SUBMIT IT TO THE MINISTER
OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. THE LATTER WILL CIRCULATE THE

PAPER TO THE APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES, AFTER WHICH IT WILL BE FORMALLY RAISED AT A CABINET MEETING, AND APPROVED.

B. IT IS CURRENTLY ANTICIPATED THAT THE GOM DELEGATION TO THE COMMON FUND MEETING WILL CONSIST OF AMBASSADOR CHASLE, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (PROBABLY THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE), AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. ITS INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE DERIVED FROM THE CABINET-APPROVED POLICY PAPER MENTIONED ABOVE, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO PERMIT THE DELEGATION A DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY WITHIN CERTAIN BROAD GUIDELINES. FONMIN OFFICIAL INFORMED EMBOFF THAT GOM'S POSITION WILL BE INFLUENCED BY RESULTS OF SUGAR TALKS IN GENEVA. SHOULD A SUGAR AGREEMENT NOT EMERGE, THE GOM POSITION, HE SAID, WILL TEND TO BE MORE ACTIVELY IN FAVOR OF THE GROUP OF 77 POSITION AT THE UNCTAD MEETING. SHOULD A SUGAR AGREEMENT BE REACHED IN SEPTEMBER, THE GOM POSITION WILL SHIFT TO THAT OF BEING A "MODERATING FORCE" INSIDE THE GROUP OF 77.

C. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE VISIT BY EXPERT TO CONSULT WITH GOM ON COMMON FUND ISSUE IN PORT LOUIS WOULD BE WORTHWHILE. TALKS WITH AMBASSADOR CHASLE IN BRUSSELS MIGHT PROVE TO BE MORE USEFUL.
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